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FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF SHRIMP BOATS

1. TWO US SHRIMP VESSELS RECENTLY WERE SEIZED BY MEXICAN NAVY AND TAKEN TO ISLA MUJERES.

2. THE FIRST WAS THE STAR VEGA, OWNED AND OPERATED BY TOMMY SMIRCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. THE VESSEL WAS SEIZED ON 4/29/76 AND HIS ENTIRE CATCH CONFISCATED. MR. SMIRCH IS IN MERIDA AND HAS ENGAGED AN ATTORNEY TO HELP SECURE THE RELEASE OF HIS VESSEL.

3. THE TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, REPORTED THAT THE "PROGRESSIVE TWO" ALSO WAS SEIZED BY THE MEXICAN NAVY AND TAKEN TO ISLA MUJERES. THE EXACT DATE OF SEIZURE AND PRESENT LOCATION OF CREW IS UNKNOWN. UNQUOTE. ASHFORD.

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